

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Conrad opened in prayer. Judge Link led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, James Perkins and Brian Linder.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the April 03, 2006, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of April, 2006, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1092 thru 01-1165 in the amount of \$97,983.14 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0344 thru 02-0358 in the amount of \$10,623.03 paid out of the Road Fund; Claims No. 03-433 thru 03-0435 in the amount of \$6,460.56 paid out of the Jail Fund and Claim No. 04-0000011 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of April, 2006, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Bids received for Resurfacing Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road, Sherman-Newton Road, Shady Lane Road, Vallandingham Road, Violet Road and Lemon-Northcutt Road. Judge Link reminded the Court that they had given him permission last summer or early fall to bid these roads out and at that time discussion was held regarding the increased cost connected to resurfacing of roads and it was a gamble because fuel prices were high and the price per ton for asphalt was increasing. He said they talked to some of the contractors and they suggested that we should wait five or six months and see if it improves. Now we know it hasn't improved, so we are going to open bids. He also said he gave Charlie Hearn a letter and instructed him to go ahead and resurface some roads with our county Road Department as quickly as possible to take advantage of our current contract with Barrett Paving as it is \$29.00 per ton now. He stated that he has learned that we can anticipate an increase of approximately \$6.00 per ton which will make it \$34.00 or \$35.00 per ton, and that will have a significant impact on the amount of work that can be done on county roads. It makes it even more important and critical to each of the Court members to go out there and prioritize their roads. He has it prioritized by the Road Supervisor who has already brought in what he believes to be the roads we should make improvements on, and he has communicated back with him. He said it seems like we are always trying to stretch a dollar and are going to have some difficulty because of the petroleum products increasing. The bids were then opened. They are as follows: (1) Barrett Paving Materials Inc.: Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road for \$104,156.00; Sherman-Newtown Road for \$103,246.00, Shady Lane

Road for \$55,840.00, Vallandingham Road for \$70,350.00, Violet Road for \$43,250.00, and Lemon-Northcutt Road for \$70,455.00, or total bid for all roads of \$446,250.00.

Judge Link said that Barrett Paving Materials overall bid of \$446,250.00 is \$1,047.00 less than if you looked at each road independently. (2) Jim Evans Blacktop, LLC: Dry Ridge-

Mt. Zion Road for \$165,205.00, Sherman-Newton Road for \$152,904.00, Shady Lane Road for \$73,646.00, Vallandingham Road for \$82,708.00, Violet Road for \$58,724.00, and Lemon-Northcutt Road for \$84,548.00, or total bid for all roads of \$617,735.00; and

(3) Eaton Asphalt Paving Company: Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road for \$123,082.75,

Sherman-Newton Road for \$125,875.20, Shady Lane Road for \$65,032.50,

Vallandingham Road for \$81,796.75, Violet Road for \$53,722.50, and Lemon-Northcutt Road for \$74,389.50, or total bid for all roads of \$523,899.20. Discussion was held.

After reviewing all bids Judge Link stated that the best and lowest bid for each road independently was Barrett Paving Materials and said that they were also the best and lowest overall bid for all roads and recommended that the Court accept their overall bid of \$446,250.00. for resurfacing of all roads. Magistrate Conrad asked what amount was set aside for these roads. Judge Link said we had gleaned from the State \$365,000.00, so the county will have to put in approximately \$80,000.00 which reflects the cost of product going up.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to accept the best evaluated bid of Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for Resurfacing of Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road, Sherman-Newton Road, Shady Lane Road, Vallandingham Road, Violet Road and Lemon-Northcutt Road for the overall bid price of \$446,250.00, in accordance with said bid as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Magistrate Conrad reported that there have been more tires thrown out on the Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road since the 109 Board did their Tire Amnesty Program and Judge Link stated that he would notify Bryan Miles to check this out. He also reported that he has not heard from Ginger Wills on the money they hope to appropriate to counties to be released after July 01<sup>st</sup>. We have submitted a number of roads and were quite aggressive in what we asked for and she had told him that we should be hearing something prior to May. Hopefully we will hear something very, very soon. He said that given the way things are going, as soon as we hear from Ginger, that we should get those roads out to bid and get those bids opened up as well.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 03-2006-583 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Berdena Collins, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows: Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 03-2006-583 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Berdena Collins as presented, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 04-2006-584 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant The Honey Bee Beagle Club,

along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 04-2006-584 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant The Honey Bee Beagle Club, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Building Inspector's Report for March 2006. It is as follows: No action is required. He also presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for March 2006, and his Quarterly Report for January – March 2006. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Lease of Real Property between the Macedonia Baptist Church in Jonesville, Kentucky, and the Grant County Fiscal Court, for the purpose of conducting thereon a recreation area for use by the general public and no other purpose, and requested permission to sign same on behalf of the Fiscal Court. It is as follows: He stated that this will allow the County to make a small investment in the Jonesville area for families to congregate there and to have some family outings and provide some activities, mainly related to a basketball court; it will have picnic shelters and provide some playground equipment. He said that we have applied for a grant and was awarded that grant and those grant monies will go to the families and children in the Jonesville area. The Macedonia Baptist Church's Authorized Agent has signed the Lease

and a motion is needed giving Judge Link the authority to sign said lease to get this stated in the Jonesville area.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the Lease of Real Property between the Macedonia Baptist Church and Grant County Fiscal Court as presented, and to further authorize the Judge/Executive to sign said document on behalf of the Grant County Fiscal Court as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

Judge Link informed the Court that he also has the Parks and Recreation Budget which they are submitting for the next fiscal year and although we will be starting this fiscal year on that small park with those grant funds, we will be starting in July or August on the park there at Mt. Zion, and will do about the same with the exception of the basketball court which is already there. It will allow us to put in some playground equipment. We have already improved the building which can be used for family outings with a restroom in there. Magistrate Austin asked about bathrooms at Jonesville. Judge Link said we currently don't have any and that would be a considerable investment should we have to do that. He said we could look at putting something there temporarily if need be. He said both of these parks are somewhat removed from the county managing them, and he said he explained that to the congregation and they are going to help us and have to help police that area and take some ownership in the investment the Court is making and cooperate with us. There may be some errors made as we go along and there could be some conflicts there, but they will have to be patient with us and communicate with us and work some of those bugs out. He feels this is a great investment that the

Court is making in both of these areas. He said that we probably need to have a discussion with Corinth to see if we need to do something there. He doesn't know if there are a number of kids that congregate in the Cordova area, and told Magistrate Austin that may be something for him to look into. Magistrate Austin said that Corinth does have a park that they built their new Community Center on that may have taken some of their area, but they still have a small ball field there. Judge Link said they also have a volleyball net up and they have a basketball court and possibly a picnic shelter, but he feels it would at least warrant a discussion between the Court and the Mayor to see if there is anything else that they could add some value to that small community because he is sure they are struggling, and there are going to be families staying at home and this is a way the Court could stimulate families being together, maybe picnic there and families congregate and get to know each other as neighbors again. He said that we might be going back to the way we used to interact twenty or thirty years ago, but families are going to be making some difficult choices and he thinks it is a good investment the Court is making in those communities.

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Judge Link presented for review and action the AIA Document B151-1997 Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement between Grant County Fiscal Court-Owner, and CMW, Inc.-Architect, for the Design and Construction of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission Administration Building. It is as follows: Judge Link updated that either the Grant County Fiscal Court or one of the Cities has to provide the leadership to make application to the Governor's Office for Local Development for a \$500,000.00 grant that can be used to build a building or to renovate a building if they can find one

that will meet their program needs. This serves a lot of people in our area. He said the number of monies appropriated last year for home heating bills alone approached a quarter million dollars. A lot of people are economically deprived and need a hand up and Community Action Commission gives them a great deal of assistance in those times of need. They are now being served out of the old Hulett Hardware building. They share that with other State offices. It gets rather crowded and doesn't serve them well. He said this is an opportunity to make an investment in one of the downtown areas. We still have not heard from the City of Williamstown or the City of Dry Ridge on which one might possibly provide some land for this building, but as soon as that land is acquired we can make that application. He said the Board that met and reviewed all of the Architectural Proposals did score CMW, Inc. as being the highest because they are a Kentucky Company and they did have the experience in building a Community Action Building in Franklin County, and having that experience, it is believed they would best serve us. He said to move forward the Court needs to take action and give him the authority to sign the Agreement. He said that here is no real risk to the Fiscal Court financially, we are just providing leadership to make the application for the \$500,000.00 grant. The Community Action Commission will pay the \$30-35,000.00 expenses up front. They have a no interest loan that provides them the funds to proceed. They will merely pass those bills thru us. We will record them and retain them and see the receipt where it is paid by Community Action Commission and will keep a copy so we can monitor everything as they move forward to ensure that everybody is communicating properly. He said there could be a possibility that they could default but it is highly unlikely.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to



approve the AIA Document B151-1997 Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement between Grant County Fiscal Court-Owner, and CMW, Inc.-Architect, for the Design and Construction of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission Administration Building as presented, and to further authorize the Judge/Executive to sign said document on behalf of the Grant County Fiscal Court.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge link presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for March 2006. It is as follows: No action is required.

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Judge Link sadly informed all that Magistrate Austin had shared with him that another young soldier had lost his life in the conflict in Iraq today and that he has an Aunt living in Grant County on Reed Kinman Road and that the county will lower the flag here at the Courthouse to half staff and also on all county buildings in his honor as requested by the Governor of Kentucky who has the authority to do this. He then opened up discussion for the 'Good of the County'. He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. No one in the audience had any comments. He then asked the Court if they had any comments. Magistrate Austin mentioned the Reports that were presented this morning at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Judge Link updated that Representative Royce Adams and Senator Damon Thayer were present at this meeting and had given reports on their work completed in Frankfort during the General Session. He said that they had passed a budget on time which is a first in this century, and then updated on how Grant County fared in the budget if the Governor does not veto any part

of it. (1) \$900,000.00 was appropriated to go to the City of Williamstown for their Sanitation Plant that they hope to build which will cost approximately \$10-12,000,000.00; (2) \$250,000.00 was appropriated to the Grant County Fiscal Court for the Ambassador Drive people in regards to a lagoon issue they have been litigating and which the Court will have to work out; (3) \$50,000.00 was appropriated to the Grant County Fiscal Court for the five fire departments to be distributed evenly, so \$10,000.00 will go to each one and they do a great job; (4) \$100,000.00 was appropriated for the Lake Williamstown Expansion Project. He said that Lake Williamstown certainly can use that money as we continue to strive to expand the lake and seek federal funds which the lobbying effort is going very well and making a great deal of headway. It was nice to be recognized by State Government and leaders in regards to that progress. They too believe we are on track and they are partnering with us and making that investment; (5) Senator Thayer worked very hard and was able to get some extra money for the Barnes Road Improvement Project, somewhere around \$3,000,000.00 was appropriated in the Transportation Budget, some for Right of Way Acquisition and some for construction; (6) \$5,000,000.00 was appropriated for the Bridge here in the City of Williamstown which will be built in a similar Architectural design. It just won't be an ordinary looking bridge as it is currently not an ordinary looking bridge but it is a bridge that has been mentioned frequently as it might be falling down and a lot of people are concerned and worried about that. It should be bid out in about eleven months or maybe earlier and construction will commence in about eleven months; (7) Money was appropriated for 2 Bridges in Corinth, one at Hwy 330 to be replaced by the Gordon True residence, and \$400,000.00 was appropriated for the replacement of the bridge on Corinth Stringtown

Road, (8) The money is still there for the bridge located over Ten Mile Creek over Napoleon Zion Station Road; (9) \$600,000.00 was appropriated in the beginning for Eagle Tunnel Road bridge and then an additional \$600,000.00 was added, making a total of \$1,200,000.00 so those people could get services from Grant County, (10) Some Scope and Study Money for the design of a new road on the East side of the tracks from Dry Ridge to Crittenden which will allow them to build a new road and possibly eliminate a number of grade crossings and gives an estimate as to what would be required for construction for either a tunnel under the Railroad or a bridge over the Railroad at Sherman Mt. Zion Road and the possibility of a new thinner Exchange there on the Interstate at Sherman Mt. Zion Road. He said that obviously if you can visualize the traffic flow and pattern, it would change substantially if that were to occur. It would relieve a lot of the traffic that is currently on U.S. 25. It certainly would eliminate a considerable amount of the traffic that gets off at Crittenden and comes South to the Mobile Home Parks in that area and the number of residential homes that would potentially be built out and serve the new schools that are to be built in that area, so he thinks it is a very proactive approach. He feels everybody in striving to stay ahead of the curve in regards to keeping motorists moving safely and keep them moving without bottlenecking anywhere as like what we are recognizing in the Boone County-Florence area or even in Fayette County-Lexington area. We are trying to ensure that we can move from place to place, and he feels the Transportation Budget that has been achieved by Rep. Royce Adams and Senator Damon Thayer, that Grant County certainly has won in having those gentlemen there working very arduously on everyone's behalf and you will see all those improvements very quickly. (11) They also noted there is an investment

they made on Eibeck Lane and it will be made at the same time as the National Cemetery is constructed there which is scheduled to start in 2007. They identified they were setting aside \$250,000.00 for the operation and maintenance of that Cemetery and that will have to be set aside annually by the Legislature. The investment is being made by the federal government, and that investment is \$7,000,000.00; and (12) Royce Adams also said the Judicial Center we are striving to build here in the downtown area, that money was appropriated. He said that it is a little higher than anticipated. It has increased to \$14,500,000.00. In the beginning it was \$14,300,000.00, so that increased a little bit in the budget. He then mentioned the Interstate. He said it was identified that Senator Thayer noted that he had worked hard and at least had communicated that we need to move up and get constructed the three lanes on I-75 which all agree, especially with the Equestrian Games that are coming to the Kentucky Horse Park in 2010, and he thinks that construction will be in three phases which includes Scott County which is in his Senatorial District. The total investment being made there was \$109,000,000.00 and in Grant County alone it was \$75,000,000.00. So there is a lot of money being invested in this area. A lot of it is regarding Transportation, and if you can't get there you have a problem. Location is key and Transportation is key and a lot of those things were addressed. He said that we have some other challenges facing us, some other opportunities, and we will continue to work thru them. Magistrate Austin commented on driving down the Interstate and seeing the road work and the barriers being put in and stated that it was referenced today that it cost about \$5,000,000.00 a mile for construction of these roads. Judge Link mentioned the geography of the county and said that most of the projects are spread throughout the county and are pretty evenly spread. He also

updated on the bridge being put in on Lusby Mill Road. He said that some of the Road Department employees were not aware of this and had gone over to take a look at it. He also updated on the various State maintained roads to be resurfaced. Magistrate Conrad asked about Heathen Ridge Road. Judge Link stated that Morris J. Webster can do this work and make the improvements there and widen it and has submitted a design and costs for this project, but said that he needs to look at the budget to see when we can do this work within the next two months or if it will have to be budgeted for the next fiscal year. He promised to look at this and let her know his decision within the next couple of weeks. Arnold's Creek Road was discussed. Bullock Pen Water District Project Phase 11 was mentioned. Judge Link updated on the Signup meeting that was held at the Grant County High School last week. They have 79 potential customers in that Project with 50 customers already signed up. He stated that the bids should be out in the next nine to ten weeks and they hope to be able to construct in the fall of 2006. He said this will be the last project. The only other one he could think of on county maintained roads is a small piece on Heekin Clarks Creek Road and he identified the area and the names of those people who live on that road. He said that may be an issue where the City of Williamstown could work up a construction cost to see if we could cooperate with them. Fork Lick Road off Blanchett Road along the Creek next to Mason Cordova Road was mentioned and discussed. He commended the Fiscal Court for their efforts on all of these projects as well as the cooperation of the Water Districts who have partnered with the Court. This allows them to move on to other issues that need to be addressed. Magistrate Austin commented that Sewer will be the next problem probably. Judge link said Sanitation would be a challenge and there is a great deal of cost associated with it. He

said you won't feel the pressure from the homeowners on this as with water. Everyone wants water. Sanitation is "Yes, it is needed", but not something you get up thinking about everyday. He feels that impact will come from the developers who realize they will not be able to build a residential development requiring the density that will give them a payback or profit without those sanitation lines because they won't be able to achieve that with leach lines because it requires too much acreage, so the density will not be able to be achieved without sanitation. He does not see this as a pressing issue over the next two to three years but anticipates it will be over the next ten to fifteen years. This gives everyone a little more time to breathe, take a breath, identify where you want that high residential growth to occur and maybe build some more infrastructure there as well regarding that. It gives you more opportunity to do more specific planning. It is just a matter of debate and argument as to how pressing is that. This has been delegated to the Sanitation District and is not an issue the Court is faced with, but one those Commissioners will have to struggle with and the Court will have to be involved in. Magistrate Austin asked about the three inch Sanitation line being put in along U.S. 25. between Dry Ridge and Sherman. Judge Link updated on this and said that it is going to Grant County Foods only to service their needs as they wash off those fruits and vegetables and is underground and is independent for this business only. Magistrate Conrad questioned if they were laying the lines going to the School in the same trench, and Judge Link stated that he does not know. He said that they do not tell him. Judge Link informed everyone that Derby Day is May 06<sup>th</sup> in the City of Williamstown, and it is a good time for families to come and enjoy themselves. It begins at 10:00 A.M. and runs until 6:00 P.M.. He also said that June 02<sup>nd</sup> is the Relay for Life to raise funds for

Cancer. It is a good time for all to get involved and a challenge to step up and contribute. He said that Grant County has always been a real leader for this cause and raises a lot of money. Magistrate Messer mentioned the Williams family from Erlanger who had a family member killed by a passing motorist on the Interstate while changing a flat tire. Judge Link told those in the twilight years and the young to stay in their cars when breaking down on the Interstate or having a flat tire and to call someone on their cell phones for help. It is much safer to call for help than to try to attempt to change the tire and be hit by another vehicle.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on April 24, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, May 01, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, May 01, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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